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# S. 1866

To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the eligibility of parents of certain deceased veterans for interment in national cemeteries.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 26, 2009

Mr. KERRY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. INTERMENT IN NATIONAL CEMETERIES OF**  
4       **PARENTS OF CERTAIN DECEASED VETERANS.**

5       (a) INTERMENT OF PARENTS OF CERTAIN DE-  
6       CEASED VETERANS.—Section 2402 of title 38, United  
7       States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
8       lowing new paragraph:

9               “(9) If the Secretary determines there is  
10       enough space in open national cemeteries, the parent

1 of a person listed in any of paragraphs (1) through  
2 (4) or paragraph (7) who, at the time of the par-  
3 ent's death, does not have a spouse, surviving  
4 spouse, or child who has been interred, or who, if de-  
5 ceased, would be eligible to be interred, in a national  
6 cemetery pursuant to paragraph (5).”.

7 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Paragraph (9) of section  
8 2402 of title 38, United States Code, shall apply with re-  
9 spect to the death of an eligible parent on or after the  
10 date of the enactment of this Act.

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